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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/654,892		KOBAYASHI ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Gregory J. Strimbu.
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- (2) Ryan B. Chirnomas #56,527.
(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 17 May 2007.

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: claim 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: GB 2 362 415.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☒ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

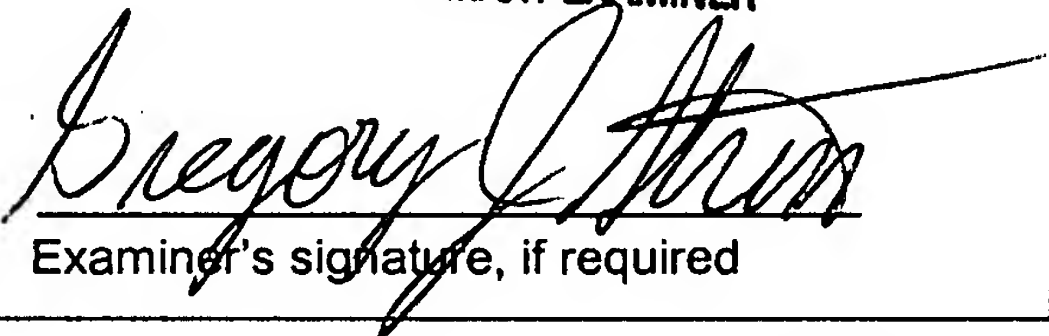
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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GREGORY J. STRIMBU
PRIMARY EXAMINER


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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposed amending the claims to include the limitation of the car inner side fitting portion being nearer to a center line of the vehicle than the car outer side fitting portion when the molding is mounted to the vehicle. It appears that such a recitation would overcome the current 35 USC 102 rejection based on GB 2 362 415, however, further review of the application and possible additional searching will be needed before a final determination regarding patentability of such amended claims can be made. The applicant agreed to submit a response in accordance with Office practice.